

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 THE HA 01691 031746Z

41

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00

SR-02 ORM-01 IO-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07

L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 AID-05

NIC-01 DPW-01 /082 W

----- 094398

O R 031548Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5598

UNCLAS THE HAGUE 1691

USIAC

FOR IOP/M, IBS AND IPS

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: DUTCH MEDIA REACTION TO REFUGEE SITUATION IN  
SOUTH VIETNAM.

REF: USIA 7359

1. ALL MEDIA DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT  
OF THE REFUGEES HEADING SOUTH. TV NEWS AND  
ACTUALITY PROGRAMS HAVE SHOWN MANY SHOTS OF THE CHAOS AND  
CONFUSION, RADIO IS COVERING THE WHOLE VIETNAMESE SITUATION  
FULLY, AND THE DAILY PRESS GIVES BROAD COVERAGE WITH MANY  
PHOTOS. BELOW A SUMMARY OF THE PRESS REACTION  
SUPPORTING THEMES CITED PARA 2 REFTEL:

2. "TELEGRAAF" (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) 4.2.1975

"..... IT'S NOT ONLY FEAR OF THE VIOLENCE OF WAR WHICH IS  
CAUSING THESE INNOCENT CITIZENS TO FLEE TO THE SOUTH,  
BUT ESPECIALLY A DEEPLY-ROOTED FEAR OF THE 'ARMY OF  
LIBERATION' FROM HANOI. NO-ONE HAS FORGOTTEN THE MASS  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 THE HA 01691 031746Z

GRAVES OF HUE.....

THE ACTION GROUPS WHICH SOME YEARS AGO WERE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PEACE IN VIETNAM UNDER A COMMUNIST REGIME CAN NOW SEE WHAT THIS PEACE IS GOING TO MEAN TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE".

3. "HET PAROOL" (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL) 4.2.1975

"..... IN CONTRAST TO THE PAST 20 YEARS THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IS THIS TIME NOT SO MUCH THE DIRECT VICTIM OF THE STRUGGLE, BUT MORE OF THE ENORMOUS CHAOS AND PANIC WHICH HAVE BURST LOOSE AS A RESULT OF THE ALMOST PASSIVE RETREAT OF THIEU'S TROOPS".

4. "NRC HANDELSBLAD" (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL)

THIS PAPER REPORTS THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IS CONTACTING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNICEF AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEE HELP OF THE UNO TO FIND OUT WHAT SHARE IT CAN TAKE IN HELPING THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AT PRESENT ONLY HELP VIA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IS BEING CONSIDERED, AND NOT HELP DIRECTLY FROM HOLLAND ITSELF. EDITORIAL COMMENT:

"..... THE PERSONAL SUFFERING OF THE REFUGEES IS JUST ABOUT UNIMAGINABLE. IT IS HARDLY TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE FALL OF THE THIEU REGIME WILL BE COMPARABLE TO THE EXTENT OF THIS SUFFERING, FOR IT'S EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT RUSSIA AND CHINA WILL TRY AT PRESENT TO CONTINUE THE 'PEOPLE'S WAR' ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. THEY WOULD BOTH BE RISKING THEIR FOREIGN POLICY OF RECENT YEARS BY SUCH AN ATTEMPT..."

BENSON, ACTING

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** REFUGEES, NEWS MEDIA COMMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 03 APR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975THEHA01691  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750115-0635  
**From:** THE HAGUE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750483/aaaacydo.tel  
**Line Count:** 90  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 USIA 7359  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ShawDG  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 07 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <07 JUL 2003 by BrownAM>; APPROVED <12 JAN 2004 by ShawDG>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** DUTCH MEDIA REACTION TO REFUGEE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.  
**TAGS:** SOPN, VS  
**To:** USIA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006